

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/538,788, filed on March 30, 2000, now abandoned, which claims priority from provisional application number 60/127,616, filed April 1, 1999.

Replace the heading at page 7, line ¹¹~~12~~, with the following amended heading:

Brief Description of the Drawings ~~Figures~~

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Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 1A and 1B ~~1-a and 1-b~~ show the measurement of biological markers of lung injury after hyperoxia. Figure 1A A represents pleural effusion volume after hyperoxic exposure. Figure 1B B represents protein accumulation in bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) samples. Data presented are the mean values for six rats in each case.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 2A-2F show ~~Figure 2 shows~~ the histological analysis of rat lung after hyperoxia. Formalin-fized sections of rat lungs were stained with hemotoxylin and eosin.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 7A-7E show ~~Figure 7 shows~~ the results of experiments involving the effects of carbon monoxide on LPS-induced cytokine production in macrophages after pretratement with CO (250 ppm).